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Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and rehabilitation in Tajikistan

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 51/30 J of 25 April 1997 and 52/169 I of 16 December 1997,

Recalling also Security Council resolutions 1113 (11997) of 12 June 1997, 1128 (1997) of 12 September 1997, 1138 (1997) of 14 November 1997, 1167 (1998) of 14 May 1998 and 1206 (1998) of 12 November 1998,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 1 September 1998,[1]

Welcoming the progress made by the parties in the movement towards the implementation of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan,[2]

Commending the efforts of the United Nations, in particular those of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Tajikistan and of the personnel of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, in assisting the parties in the implementation of the General Agreement,

Noting that the economic situation in Tajikistan remains bleak, constraining the efforts of the Government of Tajikistan to support the vulnerable population, including returning

[1] A/52/500.
[2] A/52/219–S/1997/510, annex I.

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refugees and displaced persons, and that the country remains in dire need of humanitarian, rehabilitation and development assistance,

Expressing its regret over a muted response to the 1998 United Nations inter-agency appeal for Tajikistan,

Recognizing the need for international support in creating conditions to shed the dependency of Tajikistan on humanitarian assistance, thus preventing Tajikistan from becoming a permanent emergency,

Bearing in mind the close interrelationship between ensuring peace and achieving national reconciliation in Tajikistan and the ability of the country to meet the humanitarian needs of its people and to take effective steps towards the rapid revitalization of the economy, and reaffirming the urgent need to assist Tajikistan in its efforts to restore basic services and the infrastructure of the country,

Expressing concern that the security situation in parts of Tajikistan remains volatile,

Deeply concerned about the danger posed by landmines in Tajikistan,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[1] and endorses the observations and recommendations set out therein;

2. *Welcomes* the efforts aimed at achieving peace and national reconciliation in Tajikistan, and encourages the parties to expedite the full implementation of the General Agreement on the Establishment of Peace and National Accord in Tajikistan,[2] and encourages the Commission on National Reconciliation to continue its efforts, in particular those aimed at the institution of a broad dialogue among the various political forces in the country in the interests of restoration and strengthening of civil accord in Tajikistan;

3. *Welcomes with appreciation* the efforts undertaken by the Secretary-General in drawing the attention of the international community to the acute humanitarian problems of Tajikistan and in mobilizing assistance for the implementation of the General Agreement and the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the country;

4. *Welcomes* the appointment by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Resident Coordinator as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Tajikistan;

5. *Expresses its appreciation* to the States, organizations of the United Nations system, the World Bank, other intergovernmental organizations and all relevant humanitarian organizations, agencies and non-governmental organizations, including the International Committee of the Red Cross, that have responded and continue to respond positively to the humanitarian needs of Tajikistan;

6. *Welcomes* the pledges made at the donor conference convened by the Secretary-General at Vienna on 24 and 25 November 1997 to obtain international support dedicated to the implementation of the General Agreement, in particular in the areas of political reconciliation and democratization, the demobilization and reintegration of ex-combatants and the reform of power structures and the repatriation and reintegration of refugees and internally displaced persons, and invites the donor countries to continue to provide necessary assistance;

7. *Notes with satisfaction* the results of the meeting of the World Bank Consultative Group on Tajikistan held in Paris on 20 May 1998;

8. *Encourages* Member States and others concerned to continue assistance to alleviate the urgent humanitarian needs of Tajikistan and to offer support to Tajikistan for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of its economy;

9. *Welcomes* the intention of the Secretary-General to continue the United Nations humanitarian programme in Tajikistan by issuing a consolidated inter-agency appeal for humanitarian assistance to Tajikistan for 1999, and invites Member States to fund programmes included in the appeal;

10. *Strongly condemns* the murder of four members of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan, and urges the parties to ensure the safety, security and freedom of movement of United Nations and other international humanitarian personnel as well as the safety and security of their premises;

11. *Encourages* the parties to cooperate in order to reduce the threat from the indiscriminate use of landmines to the civil population of Tajikistan and to the provision of humanitarian assistance;

12. *Recognizes* that comprehensive international support remains essential for the intensification of the peace process in Tajikistan, and reminds both parties that the ability of the international community to mobilize and to continue assistance for Tajikistan is linked to the security of the personnel of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan and of international organizations and of humanitarian workers;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to monitor the humanitarian situation in Tajikistan and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the progress made in the implementation of the present resolution;

14. *Decides* to consider at its fifty-fourth session the question of the situation of Tajikistan under the item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance".